

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor Joseph Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

March 5, 2010

Dear Mayor Joe Peterson and Council Members,

What I am concerned about is what was said last week in the meeting about Jack Sammons. He is the best officer we have ever had and now you want to get rid of him.

Many other people think the same as I do about keeping Jack Sammons on as an ordinance officer. He worked for 29 years and never took one day off.

I thank you very much for reading my letter. I have lived here for 71 years in Wyandotte.

Thank you kindly, Patricia Weick, 922 – 5<sup>th</sup>

P.S. For all of the people who heard my letter, please send a letter of support for Jack Sammons.

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council  
City Hall, 3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council,

Think Local, be local, and buy local, does this motto pertain to everyone in our community? Have we redefined what local means? I am referring to the construction of a Tim Horton's restaurant in an inappropriate area of our city.

We already have enough fast food restaurants to please those who feel the need to dine at one. We should be supporting our local (there's that word again) independent restaurateurs who are struggling due to the bad economy, instead of bringing in these mega-food corporations whose profits will go into their bank accounts instead of back into our community.

Who will benefit financially from this project? The land developer will profit and there will be some temporary job creation. There will be permanent employment for the restaurant staff but, just how profitable will it be? Will they make a living wage, have healthcare, and a forty hour workweek? How many jobs will it supply?

What about placement of this eyesore? Why was the decision made to construct this "building" in an area where it clearly does not fit in? What was the motivation behind this decision? In all possible scenarios that I have imagined, I cannot come up with a logical explanation.

We have many empty storefronts on our Main street that could accommodate this restaurant and if you must have a drive-thru, then by all means build it on the south end with the rest of the fast food chains, better still do not build it at all. It is unclear who will benefit from this but, I am certain that it will not be our community, not even through tax revenue. Please reconsider and do not cheapen our city.

Sincerely,  
Lucinda Reinas, 734 Orchard Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Richard Miller, 1202 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, regarding the census, ease of questions, very simple. Very important.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

March 10, 2010

Honorable Mayor Peterson and City Council,

On March 3, 2010, File #4496 was opened and read aloud for the replacement of the vehicle exhaust system at Central Fire Station. Three bids were received from the following companies:

1. Hastings Air Energy Control Inc.	\$21,736.00
2. International Radiant Inc.	\$26,960.00
3. Nederman USA	\$18,855.00

Upon my review of the three submitted bids, it is my recommendation that we accept the bid from Hastings Air Energy Control Inc. for the installation of a Plymovent vehicle exhaust removal system as the best bid received and best serve's the City's interest in the amount of \$21,736.00. They have also offered an additional 3% or \$652.00 discount if we prepay at the time of the order.

Initially I was considering the Nederman system which is the lowest bid but after reviewing their proposal I have some concerns. They are proposing the installation of a new proto-type exhaust system and use us for their research and development process. I am a little uncomfortable with this concept especially if there are reliability and maintenance issues with their system after the installation.

It is my opinion that we would be better served with the Plymovent system even though their bid is \$2881.00 more than the bid from Nederman USA. The provided references, maintenance department and sheer number of Plymovent systems that Hastings has installed in Michigan are quite impressive.

Sincerely,  
Michael MacDonald, Fire Chief

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police  
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ISSUES ON 15TH STREET  
CC:

DATE: March 11, 2010

As noted on the attached memo from Sergeant Jamie Pouliot, we have made some sign changes in front of the Jefferson Elementary which seems to have improved on some of the traffic congestion in the area. All of our schools have experienced similar problems during the morning drop-off and the afternoon pick-up times and with limited space to handle the large influx of vehicular traffic there exists limited options without expanding on the size of the roadways, parking lots, or driveways. Despite the schools located within the various neighborhoods, it seems that not many of the students walk to school.

Our Officers will continue to monitor all of schools and take the appropriate actions in our attempt to minimize these problems.

Respectfully

Dan Green

March 11, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI. 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

The Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee and Recreation, Leisure and Culture Department would like to approve the Wyandotte Jaycees to manage the 2010 Wyandotte Street Art Fair Beer Areas. This falls under the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan by enhancing the community's quality of life. We will be setting up a meeting in the near future to review their contract and will have it reviewed by Mr. Look and approved by Mayor and City Council.

Thank you very much and we are looking forward to working with them again this year.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Pischke, Superintendent of Recreation  
Recreation, Leisure and Culture Department

March 11, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members 3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI. 48192

Dear Honorable Mayor Peterson and City Council Members,

As you know the Wyandotte Street Art Fair is approaching and the Recreation, Leisure and Culture staff are working to plan out every detail for this wonderful event. Every year the Wyandotte Business Association is granted permission to utilize the city sidewalks within the Wyandotte Street Art Fair footprint for their members and non-members to sell their goods or give away information about their business. The Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee and staff would like to implement a three tier application process for those businesses. The below states how the application process will work-

- Round one application's will be delivered to downtown businesses on Biddle Avenue from Oak to Eureka Road including side streets from Van Alstyne to Second Street.
- Round two applications will be sent to Wyandotte Business Association Members - Wyandotte businesses/organizations
- Round three applications will be sent to Wyandotte Business Association Members - Non Wyandotte businesses/organizations

This process has been approved by the Wyandotte Street Art Fair Committee (please see the attached meeting minutes) and has been presented to the Wyandotte Business Association Executive Board Members. We feel that implementing this process will not only cut down on confusion at the fair; as well as many issues we have dealt with in the past. This falls under the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan by enhancing the community's quality of life. A part of this three their process will also be the implementation of those restaurants participating in the Wyandotte Street Art Fair that will be selling food will follow the rules that our food vendors follow. (Please see attached)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 734-324-7294.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this new process.

Fred Pischke  
Recreation Superintendent  
Recreation, Leisure and Culture Department

March 11, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Attached please find Purchase Agreement for the City to acquire the following property:

163 Ford Avenue      \$85,000.00 TIFA Area Funds –Single Family Dwelling

If this meets with your approval, I recommend that the Department of Legal Affairs be directed to prepare the necessary sale documents and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute same. I further recommend that the undersigned be authorized to demolish same.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that identifies a commitment to long-term vision and strategy for preservation planning, and the importance of pursuing external funding of historical and legacy initiatives from federal, state, and private sources.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

March 9, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

RE: Former 3740 9th Street  
Now Known as 3738 9th Street  
Wyandotte, Michigan  
Lot Size: 75' x 100'

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

The undersigned received a proposal from Joseph Bozzo and Valerie Lukasik-Bozzo, husband and wife, to acquire the above captioned property in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of a single family home consisting of approximately 1,800 square, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fire place, vinyl exterior, attached garage and full basement with back water flow valve, sump pump, emergency escape and rescue opening per the 2003 Michigan Residential Code.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objective identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that identifies a commitment to historic preservation, the establishment of a long-term vision and strategy for preservation planning, and the importance of pursuing external funding of historical and legacy initiatives from federal, state, and private sources.

If you concur with this recommendation, the attached Resolution will authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary sales documents.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

Colleen A. Keehn, City Assessor

March 10, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council Members  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

Attached is the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Application for the following property:

3738 9th Street

The attached resolution will authorize the City Clerk to execute said applications.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objective identified in the City of Wyandotte's Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that identifies a commitment to historic preservation, the establishment of a longterm vision and strategy for preservation planning, and the importance of pursuing external funding of historical and legacy initiatives from federal, state, and private sources.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

March 11th, 2010

Mayor and City Council City of Wyandotte  
3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and City Council,

At the last DDA Promotion Committee meeting the members in attendance instructed Brandon Wescott to seek permission to address the concerns of the information area near the Biddle Avenue entrance of City Hall. The DDA Board acted on Tuesday March 9th to allow follow up on this recommendation noting that up to \$500 would be spent in updating the information area. Specifically, the DDA Board and Promotion Committee would like your approval to re-design the area and charge the DDA Director with tri-annually maintaining the content of the area as well. The Committee feels that the revamping of this area will provide both a more welcoming and professional appearance for the public visiting City Hall. This request falls in line with goal G, objective 5 of the City Strategic Plan: "Providing the public with friendly, responsive, reliable, customer-focused services". This action would also reflect that priority would be given to posted municipal and city events over private advertising.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brandon Wescott, Director of the Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority at (734) 324-4506, or at bwescott@wyan.org.

Sincerely,  
Brandon E. Wescott, Director  
City of Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority

March 9, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council  
City Hall  
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

On December 7, 2009, Your Honorable Body authorized the undersigned to hire Remerica West Real Estate as the Realtor for the sale and moving the home at 80 Chestnut. Bob Smith of Remerica executed an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract with the City and placed the listing in the MLS on December 19, 2009, and placed a "For Sale" sign on the property. Mr. Smith indicated that he has had a total of 50 showings on the home. However, no written offers have been received.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract has expired as of March 8, 2010. This communication is to request your concurrence in demolishing the home. Further, the Wyandotte Community Alliance has requested to salvage the fire place surround and some molding from this home for use in the home at 150 Spruce. If you concur with this request the attached Resolution will authorize the undersigned to proceed with demolition.

This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives identified in the City of Wyandotte' Strategic Plan 2010-2015 that identifies a commitment to long-term vision and strategy for preservation planning.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

March 11, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Joseph Peterson And Council Members  
City Hall  
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

The Department of Engineering has met with G. V. Cement Contracting Co. in regards to extending their contract for concrete street repair work at various locations in the City of Wyandotte. Mr. Vince Vitale, President of G.V. Cement, has indicated that they can perform the 2010 Concrete Street Repair Program at the unit rates set forth in the contract with the City for the 2005 Concrete Street Repair Program, File #4366. The conditions of the contract extension would be as set forth in the attached Amendment to Contract.

The work will be funded from the TIFA Street Fund Account 492-200.825.460 (\$88,500) and Local Street Fund Account 203-440-825.460 (\$24,000).

The undersigned recommends that this contract extension be approved. This recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the City of Wyandotte Strategic Plan in the continuing effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and the maintenance of infrastructure.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

AUTOMATIC REFERRALS:

1. Communication from Dick Braun, CROP Walk Arrangement Committee, requesting permission to conduct the Wyandotte section of a 10-kilometer walk for hunger on Sunday, April 25, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.(route on file)..PERMISSION GRANTED. Copies to Police, Fire.

2. Communication from Joe Knapp, K of C Drive Chairman, requesting to solicit at Wyandotte intersections on Palm Sunday, weekend,( March 26, 27, & 28, 2010) for its annual "Mentally Impaired Drive" also known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive". PERMISSION GRANTED. Copies to Police, Fire.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

David Shalda, 712 Hudson, regarding traffic congestion – will continue to get worse.

Richard Miller, 1202 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, regarding item #1 – 2 – 10. Letter regarding Officer Sammons is all about position. In favor of the construction of Tim Hortons. WBA Committee not DDA.

Bill Baud, 3310 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, regarding 80 Chestnut. Requests permission to film 80 Chestnut home inside and out.

RECESS

RECONVENING

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the same stand APPROVED as recorded without objection.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Patricia Weick, 922-5th Street, Wyandotte relative to the retention of Officer Sammon's job is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Lucinda Reinas, 734 Orchard Street, Wyandotte, relative to the construction of a Tim Horton's restaurant in an inappropriate area of our City is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the Fire Chief as set forth in his communication dated March 10, 2010 relative to Bid File # 4496 to accept the bid from Hastings Air Energy Control Inc. in the amount of \$21,736.00 as being the best bid meeting specifications.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Chief of Police and Sergeant Pouliot relative to the traffic congestion near Jefferson Elementary and all Wyandotte Schools is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council encourages all citizens to obey all signage and attempt to ease said congestion around our schools with the implementation of car pools, alternate drop off zones and allowing their student to walk to school if possible when weather permits.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Superintendent of Recreation Leisure and Culture and Street Art Fair Committee relative to the Wyandotte Jaycees request to manage the 2010 Wyandotte Street Art Fair Beer Areas is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said request is hereby APPROVED subject to the approval by the Department of Legal Affairs of the contract as reviewed and submitted to the Mayor and Council.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council has no objection to the implementation of a three tier application process as set forth in the communication from the Superintendent of Recreation Leisure and Culture for businesses taking part in the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 163 Ford Avenue in the amount of \$85,000.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney, William R. Look, are hereby authorized to sign said documents; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to DEMOLISH same upon completion of the Wyandotte Historical Commission inspection of the home as it pertains to the preservation of historical and cultural items for the City of Wyandotte.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Assessor dated March 9, 2010, regarding the sale of the former 3740-9th street now known as 3738-9th Street; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council accepts the offer from Joseph Bozzo and Valerie Lukasik-Bozzo dated March 5, 2010 to acquire the former 3740-9th Street, now known as 3738-9th street, lot size 75' x 100' in the amount of \$10,000.00. AND FURTHER that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents for the sale of the property at 3740-9th now known as 3738-9th Street to Joseph Bozzo and Valerie Lukasik-Bozzo.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer as set forth in his communication dated March 10, 2010 regarding the application for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone for the property at 3738-9th Street; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to execute said applications for a twelve (12) year Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby GRANTS permission to the Downtown Development Authority to re-design the informational area in the lobby of City Hall including tri-annual maintenance of same for an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the property at 80 Chestnut is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to DEMOLISH the property at 80 Chestnut utilizing the funds from account #284-200-925-791. AND FURTHER that said DEMOLITION shall not commence until completion of the removal of the fire place surround and moldings by the Wyandotte Community Alliance for use at 150 Spruce and the inspection by the Wyandotte Historical Society.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Engineer to amend the 2005 Concrete Street Repair Program File # 4366 contract with G.V. Cement contracting Company to include the 2010 Concrete Street Repair Program as set forth in the Amendment To Contract for said work, and further, authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said amendment. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said work shall be funded from the TIFA Street Fund Account # 492-200.825.460 (\$88,500) and Local Street Fund Account #203-440-825.460 (\$24,000) and further that this recommendation is consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the City of Wyandotte Strategic Plan in continuing the efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents and the maintenance of the City of Wyandotte infrastructure.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan March 15, 2010

RESOLUTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,756,187.95 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilman James R. DeSana  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
Supported by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
That we adjourn  
Carried unanimously.  
Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.  
March 15, 2010

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William Griggs, City Clerk